[*English*]

Upgrading of Aggartala Airport

2889. SHRIMATI BIBHU KUMARI DEVI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal of upgrading the Agartala airport to provide night landing facilities for big aircraft including Airbus A-320; and

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the estimated expenditure involved therein, item-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Agartala airport has been provided with full-fledged night landing facilities. The National Airports Authority has further plans to upgrade the existing facilities by including the following:-

(i) High Intensity Runway Lighting System at a cost of Rs. 3.48 lakhs.

(ii) Visual Approach Slope indicator System at a cost of Rs. 7.74 lakhs.

(iii) Simple Approach Lighting System with land at a cost of Rs. 9.62 lakhs.

[*Translation*]

Incoming Flights of Vayudoot at Palam Airport

2890. SHRI KESRI LAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the arrangements to provide information of incoming flights of Vayudoot at the arrival terminal of Palam Airport are satisfactory; and

(b) if not, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). The status of Vayudoot flights is announced at regular intervals on public address system, which is audible outside the arrival hall also.

[*English*]

Re-Introduction of Vayudoot Services in Arunachal Pradesh.

2891. SHRI LAETA UMBREY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Vayudoot services have been stopped in Arunachal Pradesh since last two years;

(b) if so, the time by which these services are likely to be reintroduced in the State and the places thereof; and

(c) if not, reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Because of shortage of aircraft and the heavy losses being incurred by Vayudoot, the restoration of all the services has not been found feasible at the present moment.

Harnessing of Wind Energy in Kerala

2892. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made for setting up of

a power unit to generate electricity from the wind energy at 'Chettali' Kerala;

(b) whether any other power unit based on non-conventional energy sources is being set up in Kerala; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) A 100 KW grid-connected wind electric generator was commissioned in Kerala for demonstration purposes. After overcoming initial teething problems, the machine is reported to be functioning satisfactorily.

(b) and (c). Two micro hydel plants each of 10 KW capacity are under implementation at Sugandhagiri Cardamom plantation and Pookot dairy; 2 Nos. of 100 KW capacity gasifier units have been sanctioned for electricity generation; 215 solar photovoltaic systems have so far been installed in the state for lighting, water pumping, television, battery charging, etc.; and experimental 150 KW wave power project is being set up off the coast of Kerala.

[*Translation*]

Re-Name of Sahar International Airport

2893. SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to change the name of Sahar International Airport at Bombay to Chhatarpati Shivaji Airport;

(b) if so, when the proposal is likely to be implemented; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). No such proposal is presently engaging the consideration of the Government.

Payment of Cess by Coal Companies

2894. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN:
SHRI VIJOY KUMAR YADAV:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of cess received by the various companies of the coal India Limited since 1985, year-wise;

(b) the percentage of this cess provided or being provided to the State Governments;

(c) whether this amount has not been released to the Government of Bihar;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the amount given to the Government of Bihar;

(e) if not, the reasons thereof; and

(f) whether the Union Government proposed to issue instructions to the Coal India Limited in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) and (b). The amount of cess collected by the Coal companies of Coal India Limited is as under:-

Year	*Rs. (crores)*
1985-86	418.92
1986-87	522.18
1987-88	648.54
1988-89	968.65
1989-90	995.47